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# Wool Production

How does wool get from the sheep's back to the shop? Wool production begins here at the sheep station.

Sheep have wool that grows long. They have a haircut once a year. This is called shearing. At shearing time horses and dogs round up the sheep and take them to the shearing sheds.

Look how long their wool is. The shearers use mechanical clippers to shear off the wool in one big piece. Then, it is laid out on the rack. It is examined and sorted.

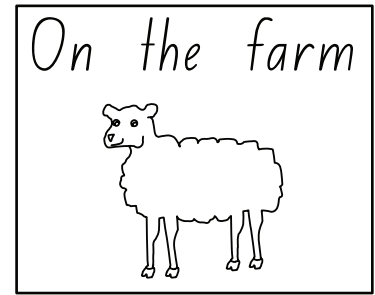
The wool is packed into big bags and sent away to the mill. It is cleaned then spun into yarn by big machines. Wool is dyed different colours, dried and then packaged.

The balls of wool are now ready to be sold.

Name 6 things made from wool

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_

sorted bagged sheared

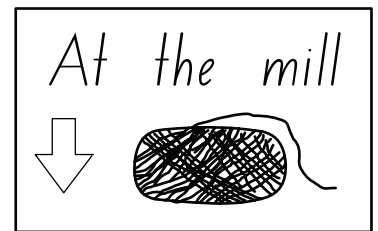


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dyed washed packaged spun



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Answer these questions

1) What is a sheep farm called in Australia and New Zealand? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Who gives the sheep a hair cut? \_\_\_\_\_

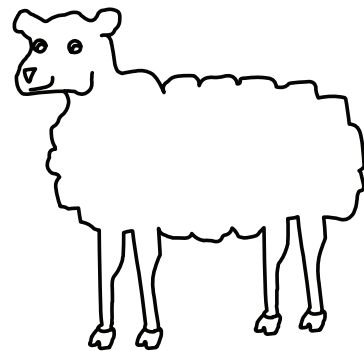
3) What tool is used to cut the wool from the sheep's back? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Why do you think the wool is examined after it is shorn from the sheep? \_\_\_\_\_

5) What happens to the wool when it gets to the mill? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the correct word, paying attention to the tense.

- 1) I will (spun spin spinning) the wool.
- 2) She is (spun spin spinning) the wool.
- 3) He has (spun spin spinning) the wool.
- 4) I will (shear shorn shearing) the sheep.
- 5) He has (shear shorn shearing) five sheep.
- 6) We are (shear shorn shearing) the sheep.



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Find a word in the text that means:

- 1) Haircutting for sheep.
- 2) A sheep farm.
- 3) To muster.
- 4) A mechanical cutting device.
- 5) Carefully inspected.
- 6) Graded by quality.
- 7) Washed.
- 8) Twisted fibres into thread.
- 9) Permanent fibre colour change.
- 10) Labelled and boxed.

1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
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7)
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10)

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Jobs on the Sheep Station: *Describe how to do these jobs.*

Feeding the sheep: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mustering the sheep: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Shearing the sheep: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sorting the wool: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Baling the wool: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a journal entry for the sheep farmer. Describe his day from his point of view. Use "I" statements.

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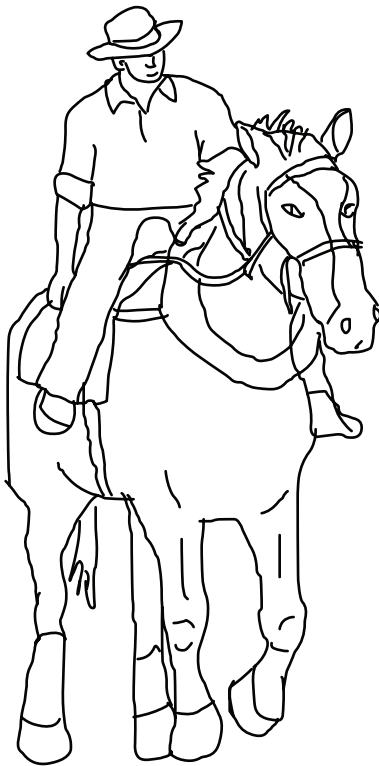
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